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UP FROM THE RANKS.

Another railroad man who has come up from the maks to a position of prominence is Mr. W. W. Attergot a seat on the Stock Exchange."
"If he keeps on like that he's likely to bury, the Pennsylvania's new general manager. He has "gone upstairs," as the railroad phrase is. In the ings." road's shops in overalls sixteen years ago he has now, thirty-six, secured one of the prizes of a railroad

It is the route taken by many of the most successful railroad men. By

H. H. Vreeland, once a Long Island brakeman; even before that jumping as a lad on a locomotive tender and beg-

ging to be allowed to shovel coal. 2. L. Greatsinger, once a fireman on the Elmira, Cortlandt and Northern road, of which he became general manager before he was called to the presidency of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit.

Z. J. Hill, a barefoot boy in St. Paul before he secured rallroad employment and gained the experience that was to elevate him to the presidency of the Great Northern. Lucius Tuttle, a railroad yard laborer, destined to become President of the great Boston and Maine system

And any number of others like the late John B. Carson, water boy, afterward general manager of the Hannibal and St. Joseph and President of the "Monon." And W. H. Newman, the New York Central's President. who began his railroad career as a switchman. S. R. Callaway, another Central President, began as a junior alerk in the Grand Trunk offices at fourteen. A pre- Christmas." vious president, J. N. Rutter, began as a station agent's assistant.

A point about General Manager Atterbury's rise is the fact that he is a college graduate. President Buffinton, of the Illinois Steel Company, said some time ago that it was no longer possible for a man to get to the top in a great industrial enterprise without a college education. For the future, he said, the barefoot Carnegles and Schwabs would be rare. Hitherto the railroads have asked no credentials of the employee desir- stairs, in relieved tones. "Now, I hope ing to rise except ability and hard work. Is the college man to be preferred by them, too, hereafter?

It is noticeable that President Cassatt, of the Penn- Her small brother said to him: "Mr. sylvania, and ex-President Walter, of the Lehigh Val- I was under the lounge when you Kr. ley, were educated at colleges of technology to be civil engineers, and that President Baer, of the Reading, was Since she promised that she'd be your a lawyer. Most of the Burlington's high officials are college graduates who, like Atterbury, went into the shops in overalls or into the general offices as clerks. Of 7,969 successful Americans who gave "Who's Who" setalls of their early life last year 5,486 were college graduates.

WOMAN'S SUPERIOR EAR.

The philologists informed us years ago that woman's enunciation is clearer than man's—that she speaks a language with greater vocal purity than man can ever hope to do. Prof. Marsh said that the best English to be heard was that spoken by a cultivated English-

Now we have word from a psychologist, Prof. Wenof the University of Michigan, that woman excels us in her acuter sense of hearing—that her ear is cale of detecting sounds unheard by man. "In the uni- INGRAMAM, REV. DR.-of St. Louis ersity laboratories," says Prof. Wenley, "it has been discovered that girls' ears have a higher range of sound than do those of boys. Masculine ears have a lower range than feminine and it is quite possible that they KAISER WILHELM—was the first Gerdetect lower-toned sounds. But the greater feminine capacity is the point proved."

The reference is probably to the uneducated ear, for ost of the great musicians have been men. The widest range of sounds audible to man, that between the lowest notes of an organ and the highest known my of an insect, is nine octaves. To most untrained or careless ears six octaves of notes are readily appreciable. The wholly uneducated human ear is said by Dr. Wallaston to detect no sound above the chirp of a sparrow. The most sensitive human ear cannot approach the audity of birds, nor can birds approach that of some insects. No other ear can catch the sounds heard by grasshoppers. They apprehend an attenuation of sound not even remotely audible to the ordinary human

Is there any other of the five senses in which woman xcels her lord and master in acuteness? Not in taste, for long and assidious cultivation of his palate has es- French musical composer, Jean Baptiste ablished man's pre-eminence, even over the handicap de Lully, got tired of marking time in of tobacco and alcohol. Has any woman ever achieved the time-honored manner of beating the listinction as a connoisseur of wines?

microtine on the mucus membrane of his nose; but could long, and knocked it rhythmicaly a woman have achieved the feat of the post-office inspector who tracked a thief by the odor of the paste used in resealing a registered letter?

Nor is the feminine eye equal to the masculine; it was man who first trained his sight to distinguish caused the six-footer to shrink in size 20,000 different colors. Let us therefore ungrudgingly till it reached its present elegant progive her the credit of superior hearing, remembering as we do so her own inferiority to the humble grasshopper.

USES OF A SPENDTHRIFT.

Most ordinary members of society called on to spend fore the railway era, still scorns the \$2,000 for a night's fun would find it a serious task, use of trains, says a British exchange Manager Hilliard says that an epicure can get rid of that amount of money quite easily in a dinner for a back, a distance of about fourteen miles. select few at the Waldorf. Peyton Mandel, the New For the last forty-eight years he has Yorker who essayed to blow in a like sum in an evening at Lincoln, Neb., was denied the Waldorf facilities of expenditure, but he is reported to have accomplished doubtful if they will stand another two his desire

As spendthrifts go Mr. Mandel appears to be only amateur. The record for America is held by "Lonte" Fales, of Syracuse, who dissipated an inheritance \$4,000,000 within five years. To spend \$800,000 a eer indicates distributive talent of a high order. Lonle's record achievement was his trip to New York for a sk with a party of friends. In that time he disbursed \$20,000 in Tenderloin and other resorts. Malon W. Ruswho spent \$20,000 in three weeks in the Tenderloin, was a close second. "Billy" Deutsch is reputed to have speat \$2,806 in a night in Vienna when he bought up searly the entire seating capacity of a music hall. Among women the performance of Mrs. O'Neill, wife of arley King," has never been equalled in this counthe was reputed to have spent \$100,000 in a year consi adornment and household luxuries, includ-2,000 for decises. One item of expense was for at \$120 a dozen.

which seems to endeavor to secure an averha balance of compensation, gives us the spend-offset the miser. Viewing the expenditure of the parsimony of the other in a dry, ecomust regard the spendthrift as the more ciety. He stimulates trade by tion the money which the miser by

HE = EVENING=

Jokes of the day

"What luck that man has! He's just get a seat on the 'L' one of these morn-

"Ma. Johnny writes that he must have "My! I'm just beginnin' to understand

what folks means by a 'liberal' educa-

"My dear Mrs. Newgold, what a superb dinner you have given us! I felt all the time as if I was sitting in Washington Market!"-The New Yorker.

"So you're no longer engaged to that Wilkins girl? I'm glad to hear it. We all knew she was just playing you for a good thing. What's become of her?' "Oh, I married her."

Little "L" track third rail, Frozen drops of rain. On a Philadelphia train

"You commuters all look happy these days. Why?" "Not a single cook will leave till after

'What do you two big boys mean by cicking and stamping on that poor, little "Please, ma'am, we're England and

Germany and he's Venezuela, and we're just refusin' to arbitrate." "Dearest," passionately exclaimed the

visiting youth, "you have led me to ador"-"Good!" interrupted a voice from th you'll open it and go out."-Philadelphia

We must love one another For you're my twelfth brother

"I hate these Wagnerian operas; they're so noisy." "Yes, indeed. One can hardly hear what the people in the next box are say.

An author wrote a little book, The folk who read it frowned on it And said it was immoral

They bade him write a proper screed. He said that he would try it; He did. They found no fault with it And neither did they buy it.

SOMEBODIES.

has been in active ministerial service longer than any other clergyman in that city, his pastorate having extended over half a century.

man sovereign to visit England since

PRINCIP OF MONACO is a scientist In spite of the fact that he is part owner of the greatest gambling establishment on earth he never gambles. RINCE PURACHATRA-of Stam, has become a pupil at the Chatham (Engol of Military Engineering. SANTOB-DUMONT, ALBERT-has just received from the Brazilian Congress a gold medal commemorating his aerial tour around the Eiffel Tower SHEPPARD MORRIS-the new Texas ongressman, is only twenty-seve years old. He looks like a boy of eighteen.

FATE'S WHIM.

It is a sad tale of an inventor being killed by his own very harmless inver tion which the Gaulois tells concerning floor with the sole of his foot or clap-ping his hands together. Instead, he against the floor. One day, however, he knocked his own foot by accident, and as he took no notice of the wound mortification set in and very soon Lully was dead. But his invention lived; one musical conductor after the other

GOOD LEATHER.

A fen shefcher named George Oldfields of Whittlesey, Cambs, who was born be-Recently he waiked for the sixty-first time to Peterborough autumn fair and walked to the fair in the same pair of poots and is most anxious to complet his fifty years' walk in them, but it is urneys. They were recently sent for epairs, but the bootmaker could do nothing for them, as the leather was too old to retain the stitches.

LOVE'S DREAM. 'Before my vision dances A form of grace divine, The rapture that is mine, The fairest of all fancies, Love's dearest gift and best! Give me but this One dream of bliss; The world may have the rest

Take melody her voice is: Her face like morning fair: And all my heart rejoices Because her love is there: What dream of dreams so choice So strangely sweet and true? Give me but this

One dream of bliss; Sweetheart, the dream of you." Dempster Sherman Frank

DO WOMEN HEAR BETTER THAN MEN?

Prof. Wenley, of the University of Michigan, says that women have a finer sense of hearing than men, and has made a course of experiments to prove they can hear sounds inaudible to masculine ears. The above are some of the tests that may have convinced him.



TRUE HAPPINESS.

YOU DONT HAVE TO SHOUT THE ABOVE

QUESTION, BOYS, THEY LL"HEAR IT NO MATTER HOW

SOFTLY YOU SAY IT-AND YERY OFTEN EVEN IF YOU DONT SAY IT.

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Mrs. Nextdoor -I suppose your daughter is happily married.
Mrs. Naggsby—Indeed she is. husband's actually afraid to open his .uth in her



Larry-Murphy wor Intoxicated on th' day av his golden wedding. Denny-Yez don't say! some wan shud hov prisinted him wid th' gold cure.



he always looks at me for inspiration for his pictures. May-Indeed! is he a cartoonist?



ATMAN WONT HEAR

SCANDAL AT THREE

PACES BUT HIS WIFE

TIMES THE DISTANCE.

Customer-What do you charge for 10 cents' worth of camphor Druggist (absently)-Twentyfive cents.

WINTER EVENING AMUSEMENT IN THE HOME.

CLEVER SHADOW PICTURES THAT ANY ONE CAN MAKE.



BRE are a few more shadow pictures with which to amuse the little folks. As told in vesterday's Evening World, a clothes horse ered with a sheet is better than a for these pictures. Stretch the sheet tightly over the upper half of the centre leaf and drape the lower half with dark cloth. Cover the side wings, too, and after setting the screen so that it forms three sides of a square, place it against the wall, which should make the fourth side.

The operator should sit in the middle with a candle on a table and his chair between the candle and the screen. Then, having seated his audience outside he is ready for work. It will be



The swan should dip its head, bring it back, and lift it up as if drinking. It may also peck at the rushes and appear to adjust the feathers on its neck, after which bring down the hand to the head and lift the hair, which will have the effect of feathers. Keep the tail moving all intervals.

A small set of rushes, &c., may be made for the angler recluse. The punt (a piece of cardboard as shown in the sketch) is pressed lightly with the left arm against the screen, and is moved with the help of the right hand nearly to the centre of the screen. The angler pulls up his line empty and looks at it. Next a few articles (of

THE MAN HIGHER UP.

THE VENEZUELA SITUATION.

44 GREAT doings down there in Venezuela," remarked the Cigar Store Man.

"The curtain has gone up on the first act," said The Man Higher Up, "but the plot doesn't seem to be holding together very well. Here was the scenario:

"Germany and England were going to step on the stage and make Venezuela look like a coal yard on the east side. The action was quick in the beginning. The allied fleets jumped in off the reel and sunk the Venezuelan Navy, consisting of two barges, a canoe, a gasoline launch and a life-preserver. The next action was to have been the capture of the Venezuelan army, putting it in a freight car and pushing it back to the mines. But something happened."

"What was it?" asked the Cigar Store Man.

"I think President Roosevelt got into communication with Ho Collier, the mighty hunter of the Mississippi swamps, or some guide in the tall woods of Maine." replied The Man Higher Up. "Maybe he had an audience with Suspender Jack Magee or got a letter from an old Rough Rider asking for a pass to Venezuela. Anyhow he got a warlike hunch. That hunch got across the ocean yesterday and England got a case of cold feet that would make the eruption of Mont Pelce look like a blizzard.

"Now the cues are mixed and the action is slow. England looks like the man who put a piece in the paper telling how he was going out to kick in the slats of a certain party and had the certain party ringing at his doorbell two hours after the paper got on the street. Germany is playing a lone hand.

"Since England went down into South Africa and licked the Boers so bad that the Boers got everything they wanted except pianos and automobiles, King Edward has been shy about putting on the gloves. But it's so long since Germany has had a fight, except for daily set-tos in the Reichstag, that Emperor William is willing to fight anything-even the Venezuelan army. The closest the German War Lord ever came to a real scrap was in China, and there the work was done by a lot of farmer boys from Nebraska and a few Japanese."

"Is England afraid of Venezuela?" asked the Cigar Store Man.

"Not being an Englishman I wouldn't like to say," replied The Man Higher Up. "But if you had been run over by a locomotive a few months ago it's an even bet that you would do a hot leap from the track if you heard a handcar coming to-day. That may be the case with England, but it looks more like that Roosevelt hunch caused the backdown.

"England doesn't want to go into the ring with this country. It doesn't even want to hear talk about articles of agreement. From the despatches from London I infer that the English press thinks that Germany played the British Hon for a come-on. The papers seem to think that as long as Germany led the butt-in it ought to be up to England to lead the butt-out."

"What have we got to do with it?" asked the Cigar Store Man.

"In the game of national politics on this continent." replied The Man Higher Up, "we are the lookout. A good many years ago there lived an old gentleman named Monroe who was a kind of political rlairvoyant. He went into a trance one day and dreamed that the time would come when Germany, England and other European players would try to sit in on this side of the ocean. When he woke up he formulated a chart that is known as the Monroe Doctrine and protects the fittle people of South America and Mexico from having their marbles and tops taken away by the big English and German boys.

"This thing in Venezuela came out of England and Germany trying to collect some bills that Venezuela owes them. Down in Washington they seem to think that when a bill collector goes into a house he is overplaying his hand when he breaks the dishes, smashes the furniture, confiscates the contents of the ice-box and throws the Morris chair out of the front window. In a play like that it is time to call the police. Venezuela called, and we are the police."

"Are the Venezuelans good fighters?" asked the Cigar Store Man. "They hold the record for fighting," answered The

Man Higher Up. "I say they hold the record for fighting-each other."

RATTLESNAKE VENOM.

Cyanide of mercury, prussic acid, strychnine and arsem are strong poisons, yet right here in Rochester a poison that is far more powerful is being manufactured, says the Roche ter Post-Express.

This is the powder made from the venom of rattlesnakes by Rattlesnake Pete at his Mill street museum. So wonderful n its workings is this deadly powder that scientists in all parts of the civilized world are engaged in studying its When interviewed to-day Pete said: "I have just receiv

another letter from Germany. It is from Dr. Edwin L. Faust, pharmacological laboratory, University of Strasburg, and he wants \$500 worth of rattlesnake venom in its powder form to experiment with

"He thinks my price of \$25 per dram is too high, but when it comes to procuring the stuff, in the menner it has to be taken from the snake, with a slip meaning a bite that would result in either death or weeks in the hospital, I can sell you I will not furnish a dram for one cent

"I have to pick each snake up with my hand and force spoon into its mouth in order to procure the venom, and although I have handled rattlers all my life, I never court trouble unless there is a financial consideration worth taking the risks for."

The rattlesnake venom is used by the medical world in cases of leprosy, diphtheria, lockjaw and other diseases where desperate chances are taken for the patient's recovery.

OYSTERS AND DISEASE.

In a recent scientific work by Profs. Herdman and Boyce. entitled "Oysters and Disease," they report the result of their investigations on the cause which produces green oysters, says the Chicago Tribune. Many epicures prefer the oysters to have the emerald hue, though there is a widespread opinion that green oysters are not edible.

The investigators arrive at the conclusion that there are several forms of greenness. Copper is said to be present in minute quantity in all oysters. It was found that the greenest American oysters contained about four times the amount of copper which is present in the whitest American cysters.

Careful chemical examination demonstrated conclusively that there is proportionately more copper in the greener parts of the oyster than in those parts which are less green. The green color of the highly prized Marennes oysters was found to be produced by the presence of a certain pigment and me not depend upon the amount of the contained copper.